



LANSINGBURGH VILLAGE STUDY



VISION PLAN

The vision plan was developed as a result of the public workshops that were held on May 7, May 13, May 14 and May 20. The workshop participants came up with a number of ways to address a list of community challenges with construction projects and other means such as promotion, enforcement, policy changes, regulation changes, and neighborhood participation.

The study area for this exercise is located between the Hudson River and the Uncle Sam Bikeway from 109th Street to 114th Street and including 1st and 2nd Avenues up to 117th Street. The principles developed in this study can be transferred to other parts of Lansingburgh.

Transportation

1. The preferred through transportation route should be maintained along 112th from the river to 5th Avenue, 5th Avenue between 112th and 114th Streets, and 114th Street from 5th Avenue to Gurley Avenue.
2. The preferred North/South transportation Routes are 2nd Avenue and 5th Avenue (south of 114th Street).
3. Maintain truck routes on preferred transportation routes above.
4. Preserve, maintain, enhance and expand the system of boulevards in Lansingburgh.
5. Improve the appearance of streets, especially the preferred transportation and commercial routes.
6. Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and transit rider facilities.
7. Increase the parking capacity of roads by installing diagonal on-street parking where feasible.
8. Implement traffic calming measures such as bulb-outs, boulevards, roundabouts, and on street parking to “quiet” traffic on roads outside the preferred transportation route.
9. Improve pedestrian safety near schools including St. Augustine’s, Lansingburgh Elementary, and Catholic Central by adding sidewalks where they are non-existent, improving crosswalks and implementing additional traffic calming.
10. Realign the bicycle route connecting the Uncle Sam Bikeway to First Avenue by relocating it to 113th Street from 114th Street to reduce the potential for conflicts with vehicles.

Open Space and Recreation

1. Re-establish access points to the river at City-owned road rights-of-way including the establishment of piers, docking, and small boat launching sites.
2. Improve lighting, policing, visibility and maintenance of the Uncle Sam Bikeway.
3. Create a more distinct open space system in Lansingburgh by developing a signage system especially at major intersections and gateways.
4. Initiate an “adopt-a-_____” program to assist with the maintenance and improvement of important open spaces including parks, boulevards, street trees, etc...
5. Rehabilitate existing parks to re-assert a public use, provide expanded recreation opportunities, make them more attractive and make them more self-policing.

History and Heritage

1. Strengthen the sense of Village history by recalling important people, places and events with markers, signage, kiosks, and history related features and special events.
2. Redesign Powers Park to a more historically correct appearance, keeping the park for passive recreation including a new bandstand, gardens, a gazebo and a fountain.
3. New work in the Village including streetscape improvements, new buildings and new site developments should lend themselves to local history through architectural style, building size and location, land use pattern and site amenities.
4. Preserve the historic residences, commercial districts, and institutional buildings of Lansingburgh by establishing historic districts and by developing rehabilitation guidelines.
5. Encourage preservation throughout Lansingburgh by developing a system of grants, loans and tax credits for sensitive preservation, rehabilitation and improvements of private homes, institutions and commercial structures.

Business Improvement and Economic Development

1. Encourage business in the priority business locations which include (in order of priority) 2nd Avenue north of 112th to 117th Street, 5th Avenue from 114th Street south, 2nd Avenue from 112th Street south to 109th Street, 112th street from the bridge to 5th Avenue.
2. Provide improvements to commercial areas such as better lighting, more trash receptacles, more benches and more parking that will create more secure and attractive commercial areas fostering growth for local businesses.
3. Establish a 'Business Improvement District' (BID) to help organize market and support local business efforts.
4. Support and encourage compatible business uses in the priority Village commercial areas such as dry cleaning, hair salons, banks, restaurants, specialty food retail, dining, auto supplies, and compatible franchise uses (ie. Starbucks, Brueggers...).
5. Maintain support for existing small businesses in Lansingburgh including several long-term local institutions by encouraging compatible new developments that serve public needs.